



The Police Corps

Readings for Training Programs

Police Corps training programs are expected to include a wide array of thought-provoking reading assignments. The articles and books listed here should form the core of the reading program. The selections focus on four critical areas of Police Corps training: the purpose and strategies of community patrol("beat patrol"); the social context of pervasive community problems; character, ethics and leadership; and strategies for working with the community.

Training programs are encouraged to supplement these materials with other readings, particularly those that address issues of special local concern. Suggestions for additions are welcome.

Unless a web address is given, readings are available through the Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education.

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